(c) what is the Government's response thereto, indicating the treatment evolved to tackling the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Government has seen the news item.

(b) Based on the country wide surveillance and screening of persons belonging to high risk groups namely foreigners including foreign students sexually transmitted disease patients, prostitutes and Intravenous drug abusers, 222 persons have been confirmed to have AIDS infection out of 79,729 screened upto the end of 31-1-1988 including 16 full blown AIDS cases. Out of this, 16 full blown cases, 8 were Indians, 7 were foreigners and 1 non-resident Indian 8 full blown case of Indians have been reported as under:—

Maharashtra—2
Punjab—2
Andhra Pradesh—1
J. & K.—1
Uttar Pradesh—1
Gujarat—1

(c) The line of action being pursued, at present, is prevention through public education coupled with effective surveillance. The Government have decided to intensify public education through mass media and expansion of surveillance activities and training of workers to build up capabilities for detection, diagnosis and treatment of AIDS cases.

Purchase of aircraft for Vayudoot

1554. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to purchase 24 aircraft for Vayudoot;

(b) if so, the details of decision taken; and

(c) the type of aircraft to be purchased?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) The aircraft capacity required by Vayudoot, to meet the future growth as well as to replace some of the existing aircraft, has not yet been firmed up.

Deaths due to Malaria, Kala-azar and Encephalitis in the country

1555. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) number of persons died of Malaria, Kalajar and Japanese Encephalities diseases in the country during the period 1st January, 1984 and 31st December, 1987 (year-wise and State-wise);

(b) what are the reasons that in spite of taking various steps to eradicate these diseases, the diseases are spreading day by day in the entire country;

(c) the amount spent by each State for spraying of various medicines/insecticides during the aforesaid period (year-wise); and

(d) what are the reasons that Government is not going for Integrated Programme for controlling of victor borne diseases till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Requisite information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix, CXLV, Annexure No. 53]

(b) and (c) All these diseases are not spreading day by day in the

country. Under the National Malaria Eradication Programme—a centrally sponsored plan scheme (category-II), organised control measure for Malaria are being undertaken. This has resulted in bringing down the incidence of malaria to 1.48 million cases in 1987 against 6.47 million cases reported in 1976.

There is no plan scheme for the control or eradication of Kala-azar and Japanese Encephalitis. However, necessary remedial measures are being taken under NMEP (Rural) for carrying out insecticidal spray operation for the containment of spread of these diseases.

The amount spent by various States/U.Ts. on National Malaria Eradication Programme (Rural & Urban) on operational cost is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 54] The expenditure incurred specifically on Kala-azar & Japanese Encephalitis has not been reported by the States/U.Ts. to this Ministry.

(d) The proposal was placed before the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare and in its meeting held in February, 1988, the Council recommended an integrated programme for control of Malaria and other vector borne diseases like Filaria, Japanese Encephalitis and Kala-azar.

Inquiry into the working of Asiatic Society of India

1556. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct an indepth inquiry into the working of the Asiatic Society of India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government presently to conduct an indepth inquiry into the working of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta.

(b) Does not arise.

Dogra Commttee Report on Technical Education

1557. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the Dogra Committee report on technical education; and

(b) if so, by what time impleme tation process is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUC AND CULTURE IN THE MIN OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEV MENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) (b) An Empowered Committee has been set up to examine the report of the Dogra Committee and make recommendations. The implementation process will start only after the recommendations of the Empowered Committee have been finalised and approved by the Cabinet.

Over staffing in Air India

1558. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Air India" is grossly over-staffed making it non competitive compared to other international carriers;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to reduce the excess staff; and